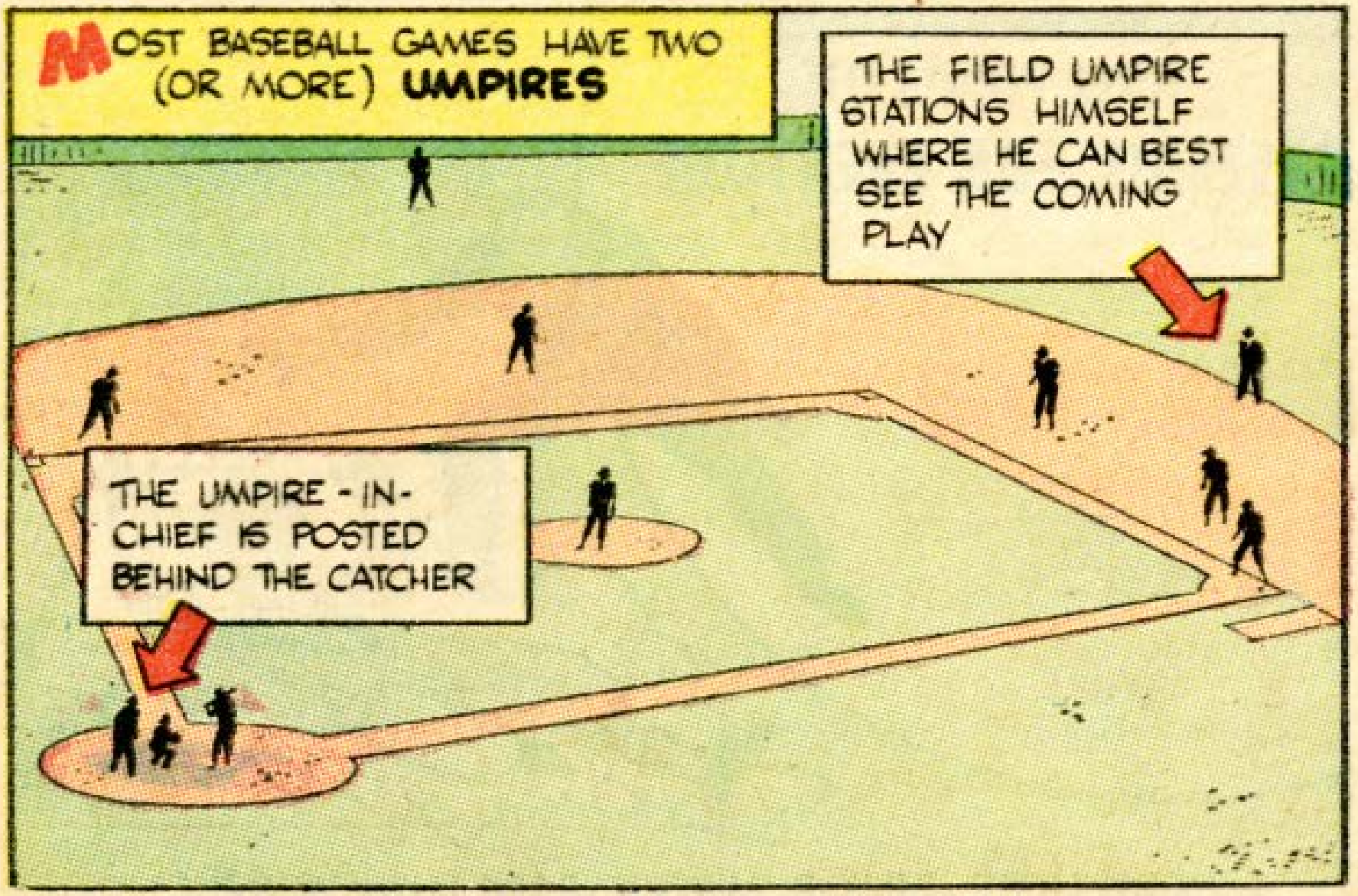
FINER POINTS OF

BASEBALL FOR EVERYONE

RULES FOR UMPIRES

HINTS FOR LITTLE, JUNIOR, MIDGET, BABE RUTH PLAYERS


MOST BASEBALL GAMES HAVE TWO (OR MORE) UMPIRES
THE FIELD UMPIRE STATIONS HIMSELF WHERE HE CAN BEST SEE THE COMING PLAY
THE UMPIRE - IN - CHIEF IS POSTED BEHIND THE CATCHER

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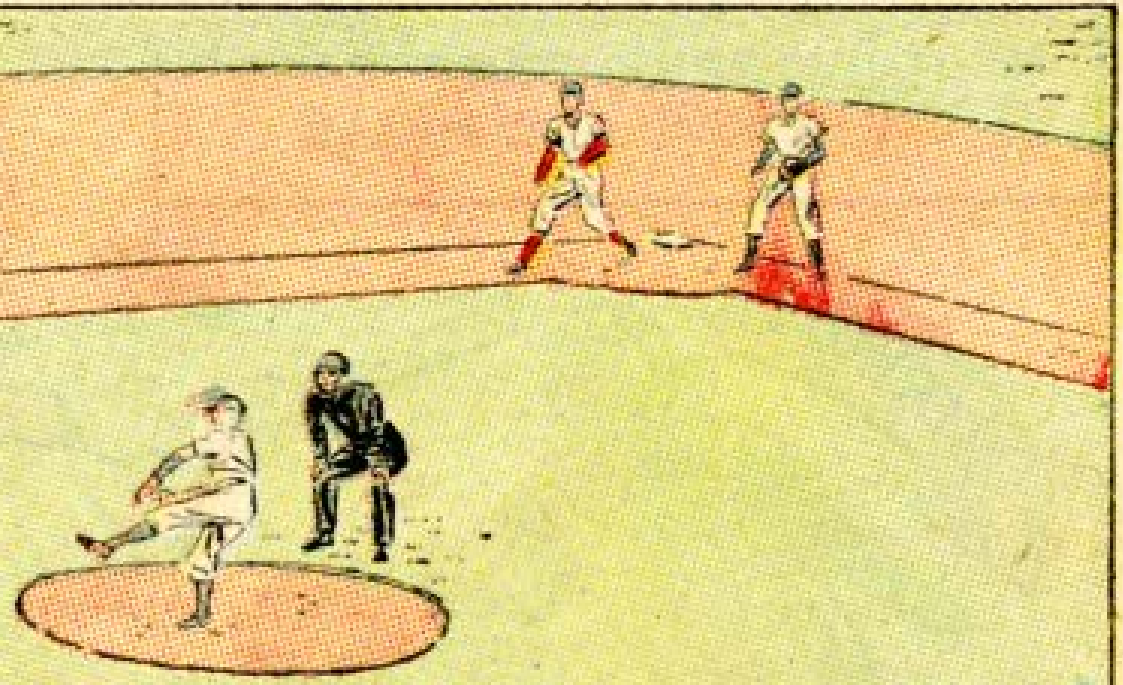
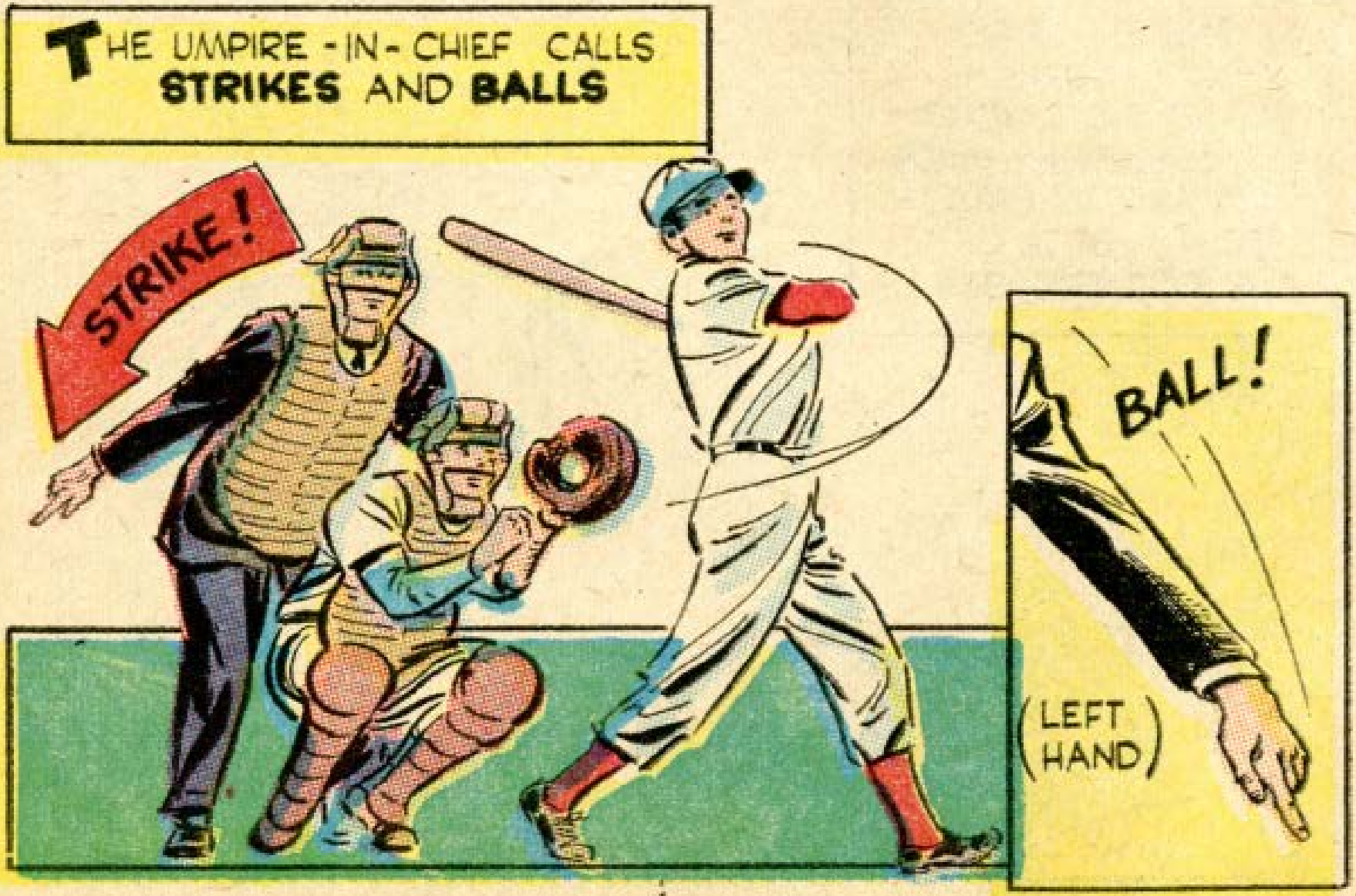
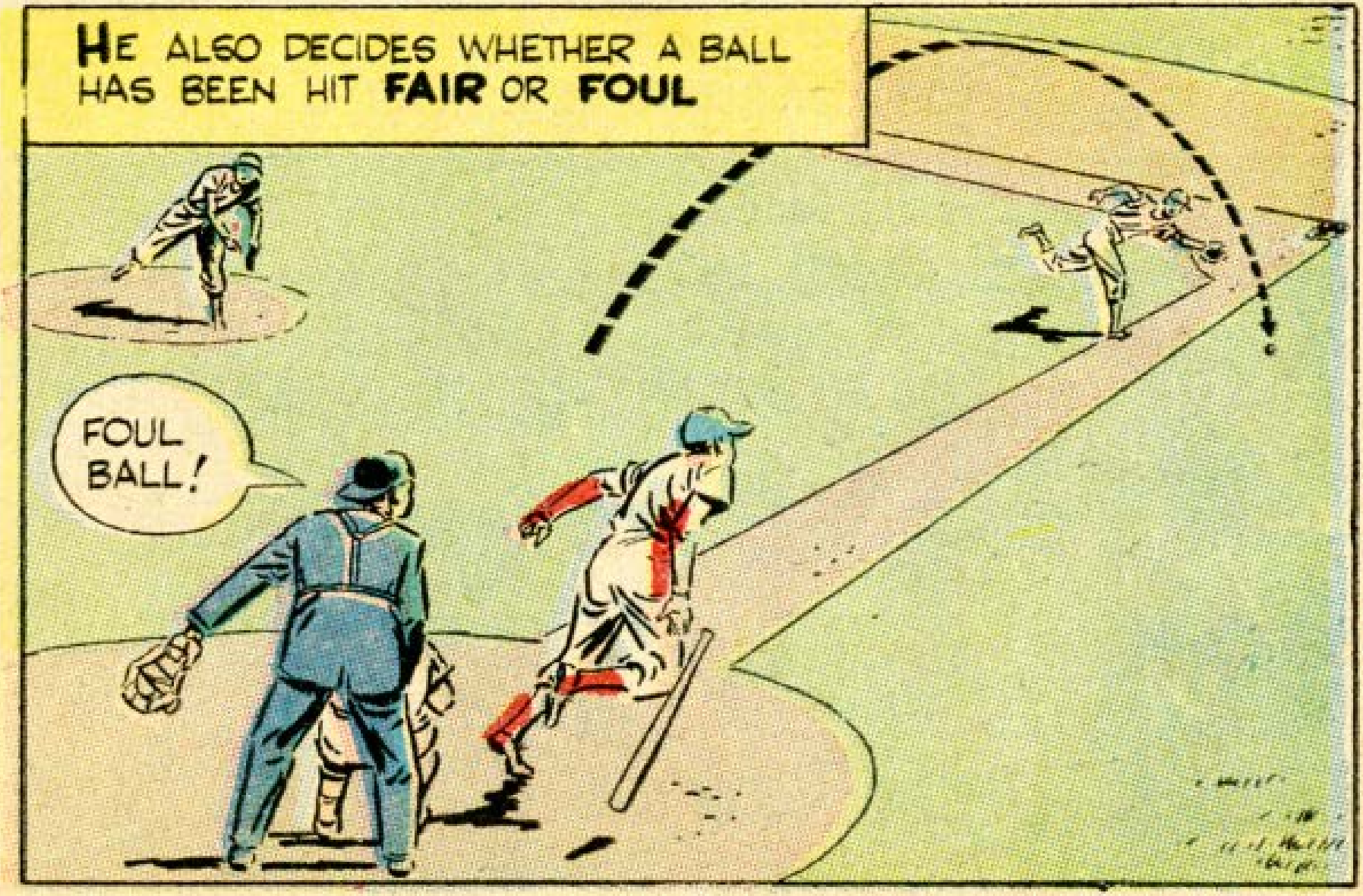
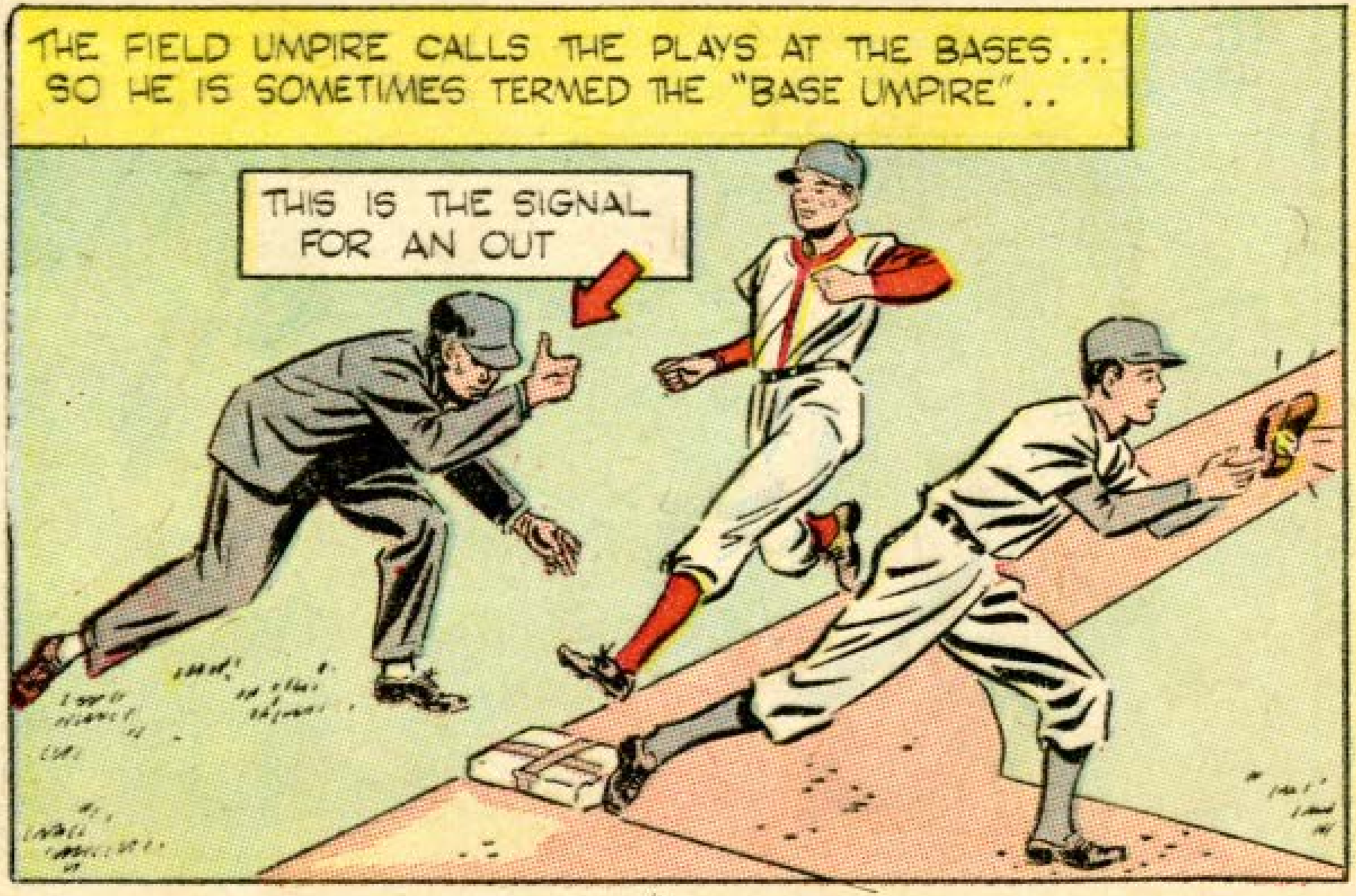
A SINGLE UMPIRE USUALLY WORKS BEHIND THE CATCHER OR, ESPECIALLY WHEN MEN ARE ON BASE, FROM IN BACK OF THE PITCHER'S BOX

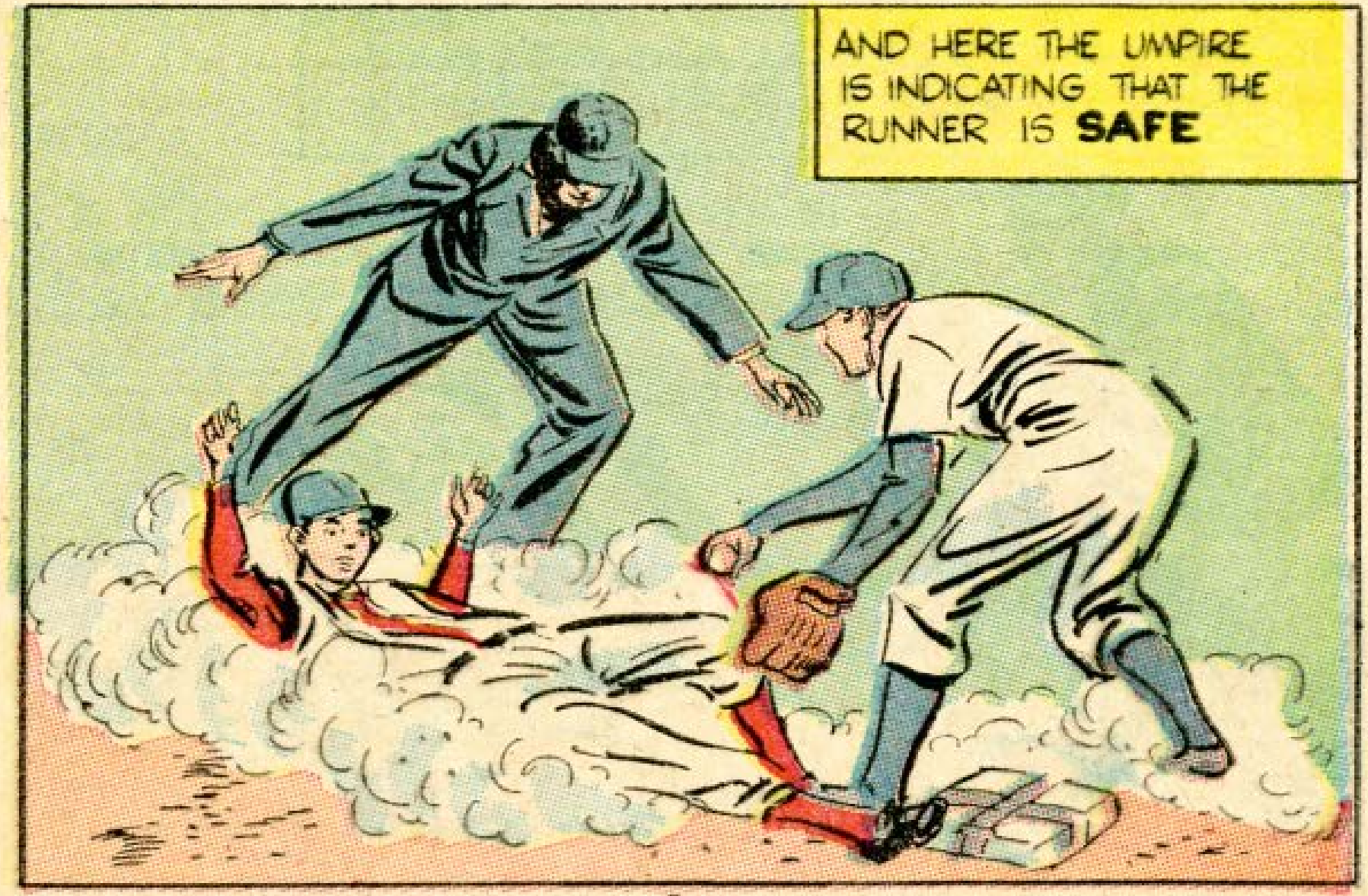


THIS ENABLES HIM TO JUDGE BALLS AND STRIKES AND WATCH PLAYS AT BASES, TOO.

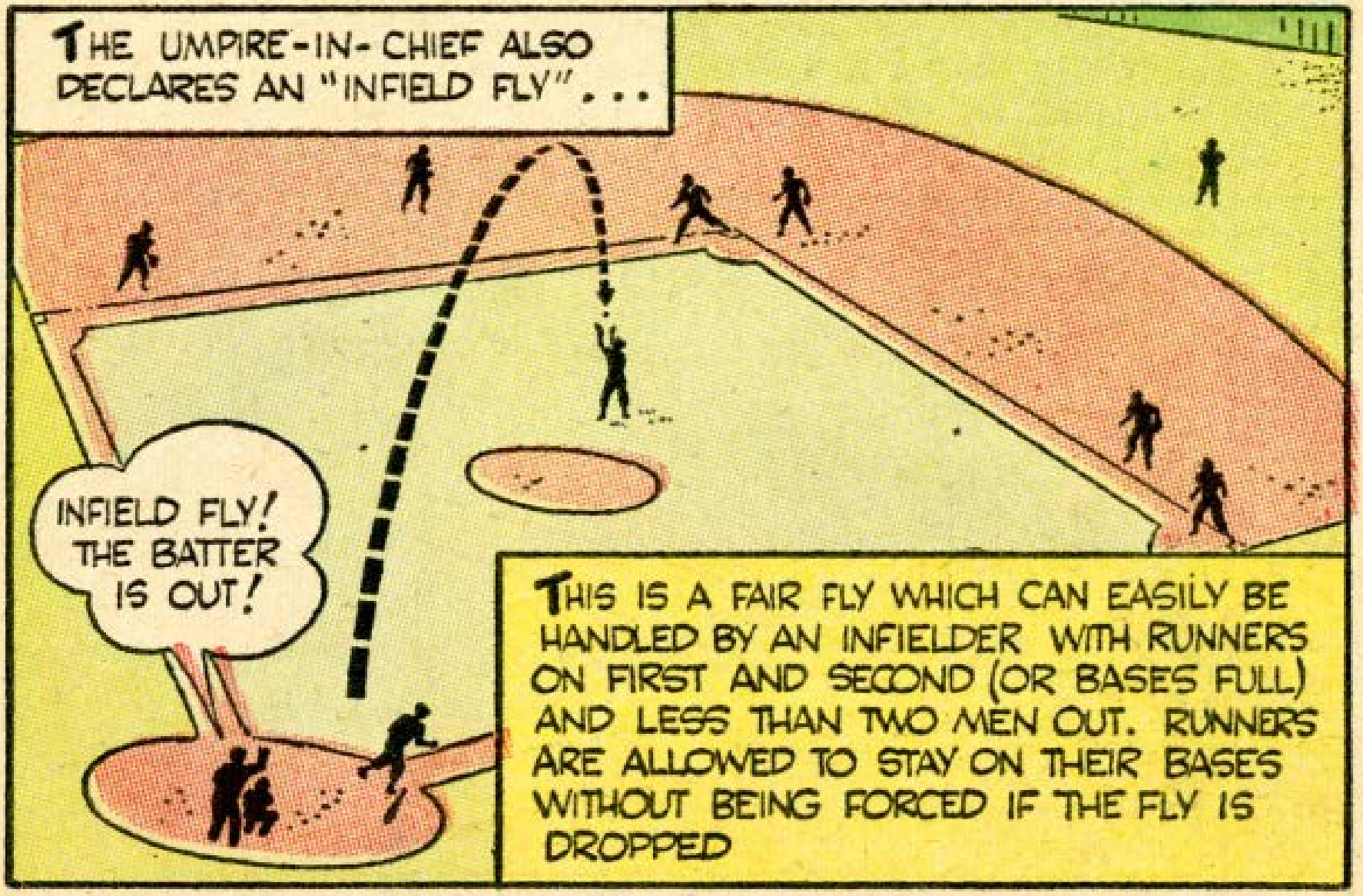

THE UMPIRE - IN - CHIEF CALLS
STRIKES AND BALLS
STRIKE!
BALL!
(LEFT HAND)

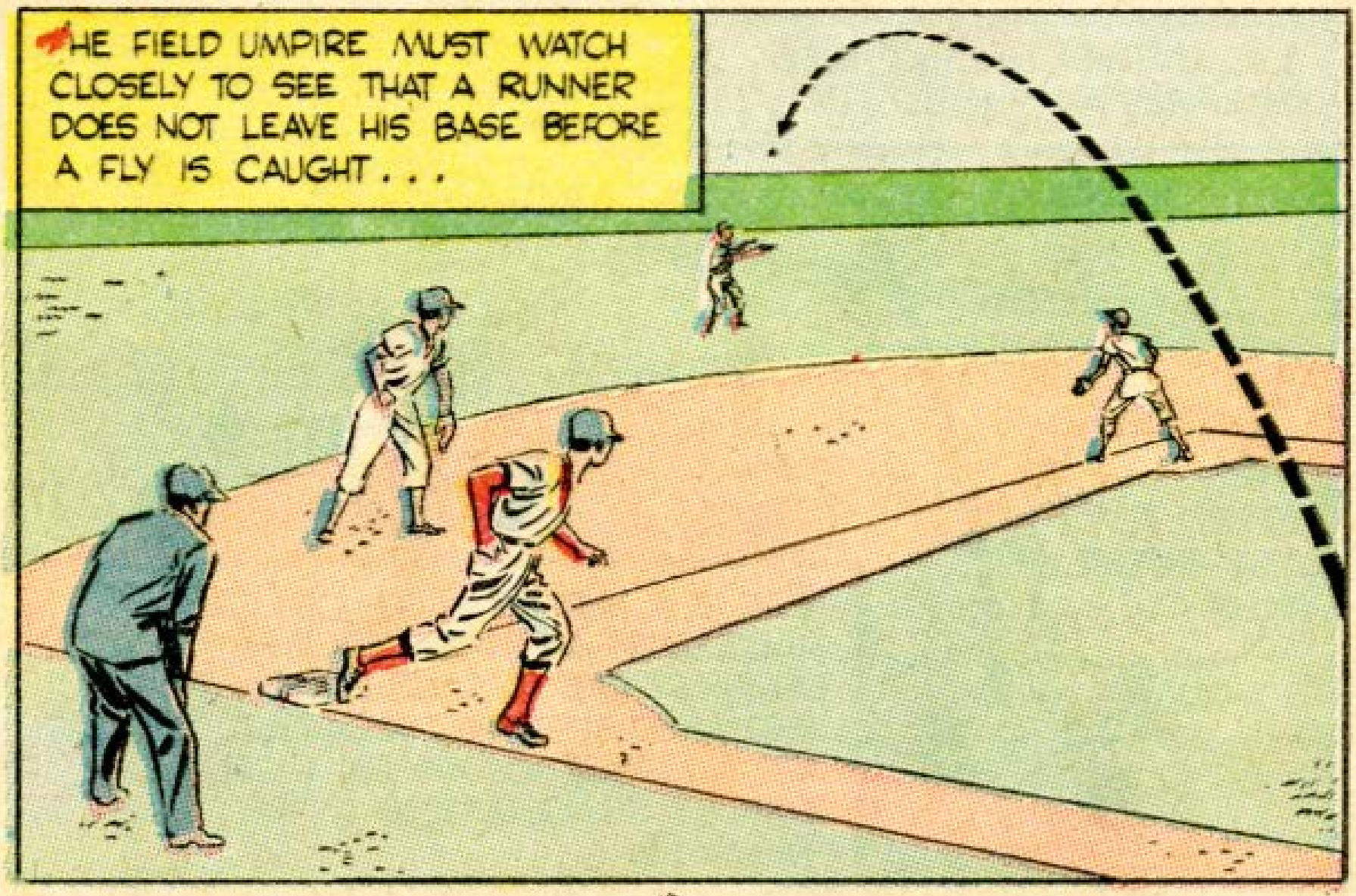

HE ALSO DECIDES WHETHER A BALL HAS BEEN HIT FAIR OR FOUL
FOUL BALL!

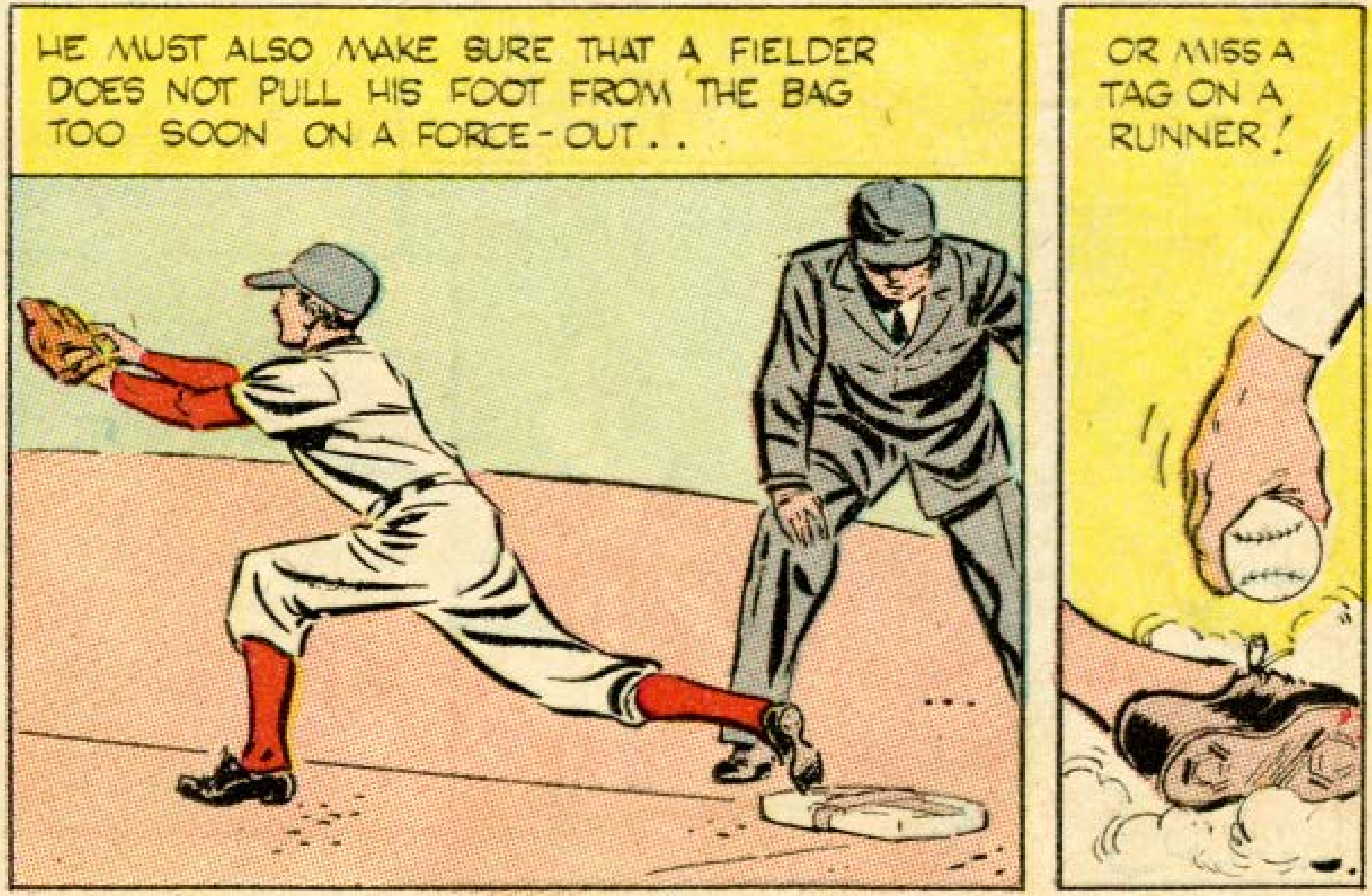

THE FIELD UMPIRE CALLS THE PLAYS AT THE BASES... SO HE IS SOMETIMES TERMED THE "BASE UMPIRE"..
THIS IS THE SIGNAL FOR AN OUT


AND HERE THE UMPIRE IS INDICATING THAT THE RUNNER IS **SAFE**

THE UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF CALLS ALL PLAYS AT THE PLATE... SO HE IS OFTEN STYLED THE "PLATE" UMPIRE.


THE UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF ALSO DECLARES AN "INFIELD FLY"...
INFIELD FLY! THE BATTER IS OUT!
THIS IS A FAIR FLY WHICH CAN EASILY BE HANDLED BY AN INFIELDER WITH RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND (OR BASES FULL) AND LESS THAN TWO MEN OUT. RUNNERS ARE ALLOWED TO STAY ON THEIR BASES WITHOUT BEING FORCED IF THE FLY IS DROPPED

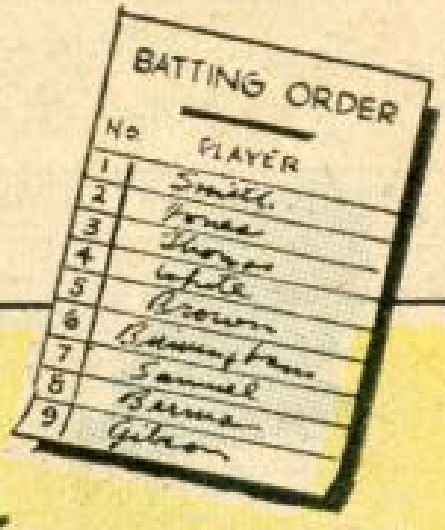

THE FIELD UMPIRE MUST WATCH CLOSELY TO SEE THAT A RUNNER DOES NOT LEAVE HIS BASE BEFORE A FLY IS CAUGHT . . .


HE MUST ALSO MAKE SURE THAT A FIELDER DOES NOT PULL HIS FOOT FROM THE BAG TOO SOON ON A FORCE-OUT..
OR MISS A TAG ON A RUNNER!

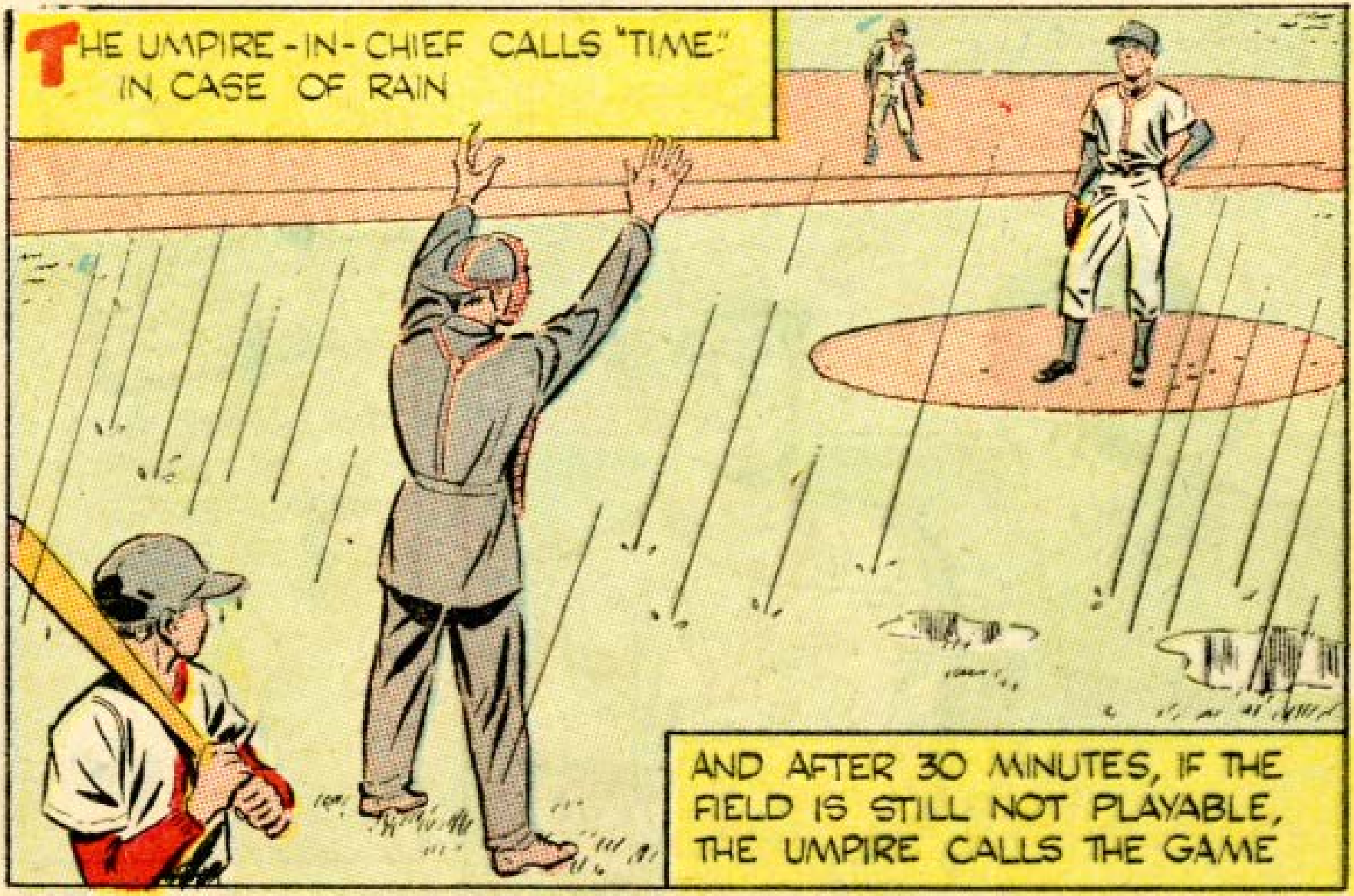
OCCASIONALLY, THE FIELD UMPIRE GETS IN THE GAME HIMSELF.. AS WHEN HE IS HIT BY A BATTED BALL IN FAIR TERRITORY

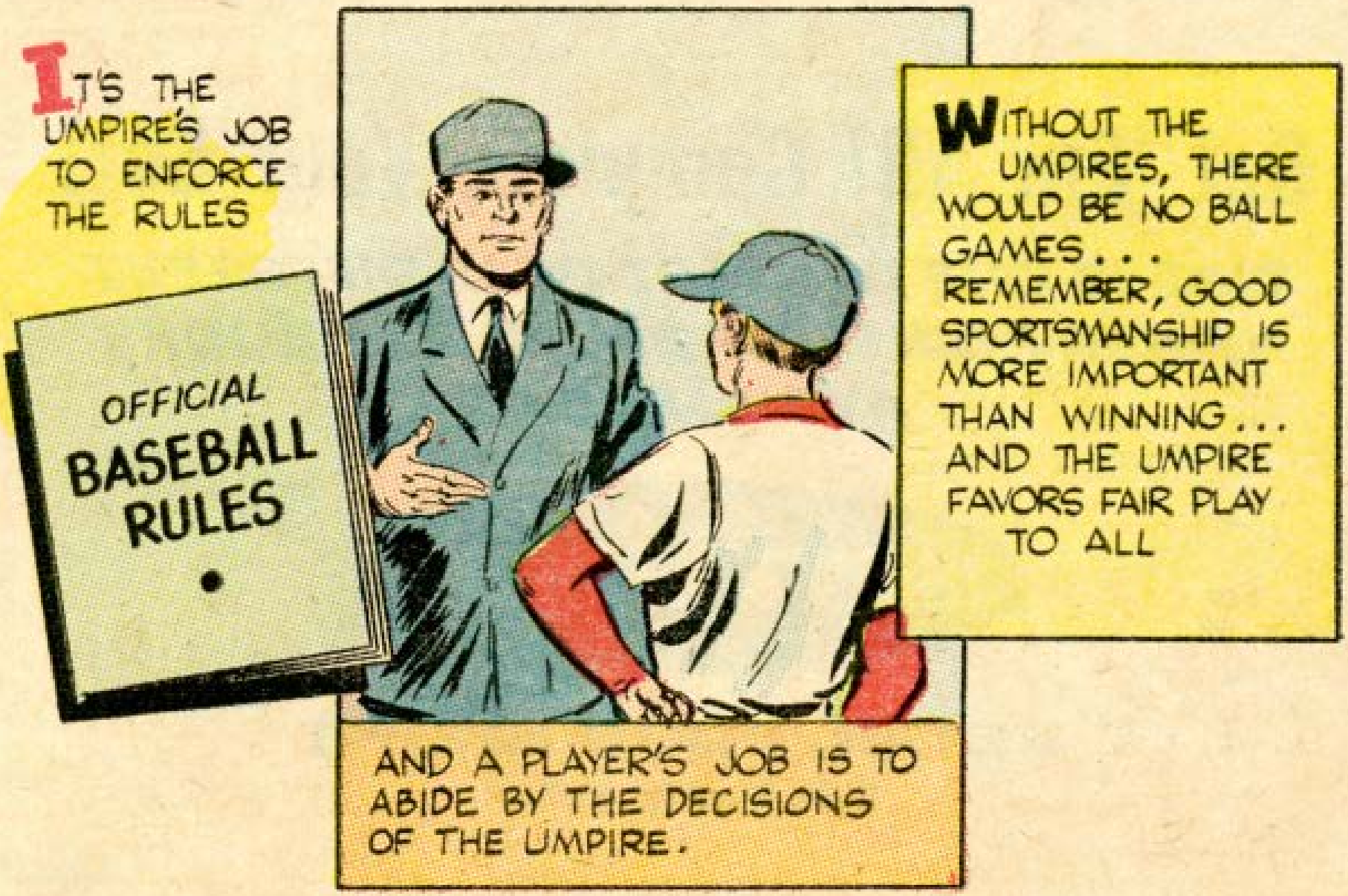
WHEN THIS HAPPENS, THE BATTER IS **SAFE ON FIRST.** BUT OTHER RUNNERS MUST REMAIN WHERE THEY WERE, UNLESS FORCED TO ADVANCE, WHICH THEY DO AUTOMATICALLY

BEFORE THE GAME, EACH TEAM MUST PRESENT ITS BATTING LINE-UP TO THE UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF



IF ANYONE BATS OUT OF TURN, THE PROPER BATTER MAY BE DECLARED "OUT" UNLESS THE MISTAKE IS CORRECTED IN TIME.


THE UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF CALLS "TIME" IN CASE OF RAIN
AND AFTER 30 MINUTES, IF THE FIELD IS STILL NOT PLAYABLE, THE UMPIRE CALLS THE GAME


IT'S THE UMPIRE'S JOB TO ENFORCE THE RULES
OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES
WITHOUT THE UMPIRES, THERE WOULD BE NO BALL GAMES... REMEMBER, GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WINNING... AND THE UMPIRE FAVORS FAIR PLAY TO ALL
AND A PLAYER'S JOB IS TO ABIDE BY THE DECISIONS OF THE UMPIRE.

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